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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| <b>Applicants:</b> | S.A. Iliff, <i>et al.</i> |                  |                                 |
| <b>Serial No.:</b> | 09/928,679                | <b>Case No.:</b> | 20869                           |
| <b>Filed:</b>      | August 13, 2001           |                  | <b>Art Unit:</b><br>3764        |
| <b>For:</b>        | SAFETY SHIELD             |                  | <b>Examiner:</b><br>M. A. Brown |

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 21, 2004 for the above-captioned application, kindly amend the case as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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